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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/043,267 Confirmation No. : 5427  
Applicant : HERBERT RUPPRECHT, et al.  
Filed : January 14, 2002  
TC/A.U. : 1773  
Examiner : Donald Lawrence Tarazano  
Docket No. : 029310.50801  
Customer No. : 23911  
Title : MULTILAYERED FILM CONTAINING AN ACTIVE  
SUBSTANCE AND MADE OF CROSS-LINKED  
HYDROPHILIC POLYMERS

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003.

This Amendment is accompanied by a Petition 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time, and by a check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the require extension of time fee.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.